



REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 15, 2000. In the Office Action the Examiner required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution from the species identified as Species I and Species II-.

In the Examiner's opinion claims 3-7 and claims 8-10 deal with the different species.

With the present Amendment, applicant has corrected a typing error made in the claims. In particular, claim 3 has been amended to read that there is a step of providing a parameter which is dependent from the drive moment, for each chain portion to be adjusted. This term corresponds to the original German term "abhängiger" which was utilized in the German priority application. It is therefore believed that the change proposed for claim 3 can be acceptable.

With the new language of claim 3 it is believed that the election requirement should not be considered as applicable, since in claims 3-7 the treatment machine is adjusted by providing a parameter which is dependent from the drive moment. Thus, it is believed that there should be no differentiation between two different species.

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The error in claim 3 during original submission of the application is respectfully regretted. It is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the election requirement and to prosecute all claims currently on file.

Consideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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